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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Agency Organization for ELINT

1. Following are my comments on the attached, subject as above (enclosure 1)\* together with my recommendations which are in paragraph 5.

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a. There has arisen a belief that ELINT requires treatment different from that accorded other Intelligence activities as evidenced by the proposed creation of a separately chartered "Agency Organization for ELINT". This was not envisaged when the ELINT program was initiated. Established Agency procedures were followed. ELINT (which is one category of scientific intelligence) was treated by the Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence in the same manner as were other categories. The only addition to normal procedures was the formation of an ELINT Advisory Committee to assist the AD/SI. The membership of this committee was AD/SI (chairman), AD/CI, Chief, FI (DD/P) and the Director of Communications. Subsequently the AD/SI delegated his responsibility for ELINT to the Deputy AD/SI. Eventually the latter was designated the ELINT Staff Officer (ESO), and he was removed from the Office of Scientific Intelligence (except for Administrative support). The ESO collected a small staff and attempted to operate in a command relationship with respect to other Agency components engaged in ELINT activities. This was not consistent with the organizational pattern of the Agency and led to considerable confusion.

2. Agency regulations for the components involved in ELINT activities are sufficiently comprehensive to meet ELINT requirements without detailed "spelling out" of missions and functions to cover one type of operation. An example is the manner in which the Office of Communications supports the

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(Agency Organization for ELINT)

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3. While I believe that existing regulations covering missions and functions of the Agency components involved in ELINT, together with well established operating procedures, are adequate, it has been found that an ELINT committee has facilitated coordination and has kept the ELINT program in balance and moving expeditiously. I think it should be continued, at least for the time being, and formally recognized. Attached (enclosure 2) is a suggested statement of the mission, functions and membership of such a committee.

4. As for the acting ELINT staff officer and his staff, I believe that they should be incorporated in the Office of Scientific Intelligence in whatever manner the AD/SI considers desirable.

5. I recommend that:

a. No "Agency Organization for ELINT" be established.

b. No revision be made of Agency regulations covering missions and functions of Agency components to spell out specifically ELINT responsibilities.

c. An Agency Notice be published establishing an ELINT committee with statement of mission, functions and composition substantially as in enclosure 2.

d. The acting ELINT Staff Officer and his staff be assigned to the AD/SI for incorporation in his office.

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**Enclosures:**

1. Agency Organization for Elint
2. Elint Committee

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ELINT COMMITTEE

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**I. Mission**

The mission of the ELINT Committee is to promote the integration of electronic intelligence activities into established components of the Agency.

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